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(54) **Deformable drive sheave for traction rope**

(57) A drive sheave equipped with a deformable tire (184) comprises a tire portion having an inner circumferential surface (186) and an outer circumferential surface (188). The tire portion also comprises a first surface extending between the inner circumferential surface and the outer circumferential surface. In addition, the tire por-

tion comprises a second surface extending between the inner circumferential surface and the outer circumferential surface, wherein the second surface is oppositely disposed relative to the first surface. At least one opening (200) in the tire portion extends between the first surface and the second surface.

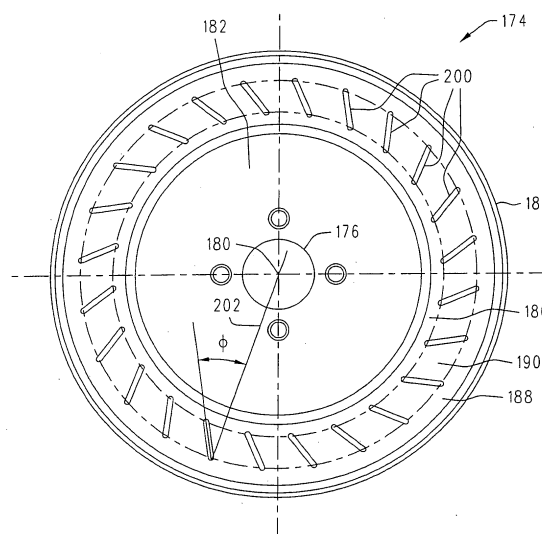


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